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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Payroll: Preparation, Analysis and Management

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Course content

Why Attend

Employee costs from payroll and other benefits are among the largest costs in any company other than the Cost of Goods Sold (COGS), rent and depreciation. If you are in a goods producing organization and this cost is part of your COGS or part of your operating costs, it means the effect on you will be doubled. Having these costs processed and reported properly is key for analysis and decision making. This course starts with introductions about the departments of HR and 'accounting and finance' then focuses on the payroll function. The course goes through the process of preparing and calculating payroll and includes the controls needed and the pre-checks necessary to make sure correct data is used. The course enforces the knowledge of controls and proper processes in the work flow to achieve better efficiency in the department. Employee benefits and their effect on the corporation are discussed and we explain how to conduct analysis on payroll and benefits using Excel. In addition, the course highlights the topics of accounting, internal and external audit relations with HR and payroll, and the data that could be required by them. The course then stresses the need for confidentiality in the payroll department and the importance of sharing data with others on a need to know basis or as per corporate policies. The course ends with ways to prepare budgets for the department and payroll and benefit costs of the corporation.

Course Methodology

- The course relies on presentations and examples by the consultant. Participants will be expected to work on Excel exercises for payroll and benefits and participate in group workshops and presentations.

Course Objectives

- Explain how the HR and accounting and finance functions contribute to their success
- Prepare the monthly payroll and review it for accuracy
- Calculate employee benefits, loans vacations and End of Service Benefits (EOSB)
- Reconcile payroll with accounting and audit the supporting documents for payments
- Develop monthly and annual payroll budgets
- Design periodic payroll management reports and analysis

Target Audience

- Payroll staff, payroll accountants, account assistants, payroll supervisors and managers, HR professionals and team members who handle payroll as well as employees interested in understanding and applying payroll best practices.

- Target Competencies
- Controlling employee costs
- Preparing and producing payroll

Course outline

Detailed course outline

Module-by-module outline for Payroll: Preparation, Analysis and Management.

Module 1 - Payroll: the important link between human resources and accounting

- Introduction to the HR function
- Introduction to accounting function
- Introduction to finance function
- Payroll as a link between HR and accounting and finance
- Understanding the hiring process documentation

Module 2 - Managing payroll process for

- Contract professionals
- Full time employees
- Temporary help
- Outsourcing

Module 3 - Preparing and calculating payroll

- Looking for the right controls before starting
- Determining the right calculation basis for payroll
- Elements of risk leading to payroll mistakes
- Managing increments and deductions
- Payroll approvals
- Preparing payroll schedules

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Module 4 - Employee loans and benefits

- Access to employee benefits
- Controlling access to loans
- Reporting on loans status
- Calculating end of service benefits for company and employees
- Reporting on benefit plans

Module 5 - Accounting and auditors roles in payroll process

- Recording payroll expense and liabilities
- Recording payroll and benefits costs to assets or inventory
- Recording payroll related contributions and liabilities
- Reconciling receivables from and payables to employees with payroll department
- Reconciling liabilities with social security and other governmental agencies
- Reconciling payments with bank accounts transactions

Seminar dates

Available seminar dates

Live dates and pricing for Payroll: Preparation, Analysis and Management generated from the course details page.

Date	Location	Format	Fee
15 - 19 June 2026	Rome	Classroom	€2,975
20 - 24 July 2026	Kuala Lumpur	Classroom	€1,575
3 - 7 August 2026	Barcelona	Classroom	€2,695
7 - 11 September 2026	London	Classroom	€2,940
12 - 16 October 2026	Munich	Classroom	€2,415
9 - 13 November 2026	Rome	Classroom	€2,975
14 - 18 December 2026	Munich	Classroom	€2,415

Live online option

Online delivery is available at €1,250.